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SENATE—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14.

Senator Strother, from Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on Senate Bill No. 9, providing for the appointment of three competent persons for judges of election by the county court, town trustees or city councils for general and special elections. Appointment to be made at least two days before the day of election, and judges to have notice of their appointment at least five days before day of election; to have power to administer oaths, judge of qualifications of voters in conformity with the constitution providing that no person otherwise qualified shall be rejected as a voter, who has resided in this State one year next preceeding the election at which he offers to vote, and during the last sixty days of that period shall have resided in the county, city or town where he seeks to vote.

Laid over informally.
Senator Patterson offered a resolution authorizing the Doorkeeper of the Senate to furnish each Senator and officer of the Senate a copy of Hickox's Official Directory of General Assembly and State officers containing the Rules of the Senate at \$3 1-3 cents each.

The vote by which the Rules of the Senate were ordered printed yesterday was reconsidered, and the resolution of Senator Patterson adopted, with the proviso that before the Directory is paid for it shall be approved by a committee of the Senate as to its accuracy.

Senator Shelby introduced a bill amending the charter of New Madrid.
Referred to Committee on Banks and Corporation.

Senator Seay called up resolution authorizing appointment of committee clerks, which, after some discussion and several attempts for its amendment, was laid on the table.

Senator Young offered a resolution authorizing the Secretary of Senate to appoint four committee clerks.

Senator Morrison explained that as the services of one clerk would be required exclusively by the Committee on Accounts, by this resolutions only three would be left for the services of the other committees, which was not enough, he therefore moved to lay the same on the table.

Several other attempts at the matter were made, when Senator Morrison moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was carried.

Senator Morrison said that the proper way to reach the matter was for the chairman of a committee that required a clerk to come before the Senate and ask for one, when, if it was the will of the Senate, he could be appointed.

Senator Morrison called up House Bill appropriating money for the per diem and mileage of the General Assembly for coming to and returning from the capital, \$15,000; for thirty days per diem, \$30,000; for contingent expenses General Assembly \$25,000.

Senator McGinnis did not see the sense of the change the House had made in the Senate's appropriation bill. It could have no object, unless it was to fool the people and make them believe it was the intention of the General Assembly to adjourn in thirty days. He would not oppose the bill, but he would say this much.

Senator Keller introduced a resolution authorizing the chairman of the Committee on Accounts and the Committee on Judiciary to appoint each a committee clerk at \$5 per day.

Senator Patterson offered an amendment striking out \$5 and inserting \$3.
Amendment laid on table.

Under rules this carried original resolution to table also.

Adjourned.

SENATE—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senator Patterson offered a resolution providing that the pay of a clerk shall be \$3, etc., which was declared out of order in as much as the compensation of such officers had been fixed by a resolution of the Senate on first day of the session.

Senator Thompson offered a resolution instructing Committee on Retrenchment and Reform shall enquire what standing committees are in need of clerks, and for how much the services of such clerk can be procured. Passed.

On motion of Senator Strother the vote by which the bill appropriating money for the pay of the General Assembly was passed was reconsidered. Mr. Strother saw the bill appropriated \$15,000 for mileage and per diem when \$7,000 is enough. If there was an attempt to be specific, it was well to be correct.

The bill was then rejected.

Senate Bill No. 9, providing for appointment of judges of election was taken up and passed.

Provisions of bill noted in proceedings of morning session.

A communication from the Governor was received for the consideration of which the Senate went into

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at the conclusion of which the Senate adjourned.

The communication referred to contained the appointment of Dr. J. C. Neidlet

and John G. Priest, Police Commissioners in the place of D. C. Armstrong and Wm. Patrick. The appointments were conferred, but they do not show which is the successor of which. In this, some think, there is a lameness that will affect the legality of the appointments.

HOUSE—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 14.

A resolution calling for unfinished business of the 27th General Assembly, from Secretary of State, was adopted.

A resolution, directing Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence to report such amendments to the existing statute as they deemed necessary, was adopted.

Mr. Titman offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, that in the name of the people of the State of Missouri, we thank our Senator in Congress, the Hon. Carl Schurz, for his patriotic and brilliant defense of constitutional government in the Senate of the United States, and particularly for his efforts to restore to the oppressed people of our sister State of Louisiana, the rights and liberties of which they have been wrongfully deprived.

Mr. Jones moved to insert also the name of Hon. Louis V. Boggs, which was agreed to, and resolutions were ordered engrossed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Bowman, bill to amend act concerning local government in Chariton county.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Overturf, bill to authorize Camden county court to fund the debt due the county and township school funds.

The bill provides for \$3943.17 school moneys borrowed by the county and unpaid.

Referred to Committee on Local Bills.

Mr. Hall, of Saline, bill amending sec. 4 of the revenue law providing against payment of taxes on notes of merchants and manufacturing companies for proceeds of sales for the previous year, also farm products for proceeds the same year.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Bradley, bill amending township organization law.

Referred to Committee on Township Organization.

Mr. Price, bill changing time of holding court in the 15th circuit.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Redman, bill amending act protecting purchaser of Hannibal & New London Plank Road and Bridge company.

Referred to Committee on Local Bills.

Mr. Spruill, bill repealing charter of Westport, Missouri.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Green, bill amending charter of Alexandria & Bloomfield R. R. Company.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dandit, bill amending statutes concerning fees of witnesses.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Ryan, bill for relief of Robert Marshall and to appropriate money.

The bill is to appropriate \$133.25 for services as assessor.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Briant, bill to establish a probate and criminal court in Cass county.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Relte, bill to refund moneys paid into the treasury by Solomon Hornie on account of lands purchased from State, to which title failed, and taxes paid thereon.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Powell, bill creating the office of fund commissioner in Kansas City.

Referred to Committee on Local Bills.

Mr. Powell, bill declaring the general revenue law not applicable to Kansas City.

Referred to Committee on Local Bills.

Mr. McDonald, bill amending statute concerning

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Chapman, bill repealing law restricting liabilities of towns, cities, school townships, etc., approved March 27, 1874.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Bowman presented memorial from township collectors of Clinton county, requesting extension of time for returning tax-books to April 1, without penalty.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Hutchins, from special committee on clerks, reported that for the present only clerks were needed by the committees on Judiciary, Ways and Means, Internal Improvements, Accounts, Local Bills, Banks and Corporations, Penitentiary, Retrenchment and Reform, and recommended that the chairman of those committees be authorized to designate the same, the clerks to be allowed not exceeding \$5 per day for the time actually employed, also that the Post-master be allowed to retain the mail carrier appointed by him at a per diem of \$3.50.

The report was adopted.

Mr. McClelland introduced a bill for the relief of the sheriff of Lafayette county, Mr. Young.

The bill appropriates \$715 75 for expenses of Mr. Young and deputies in attempting the capture of the celebrated Younger brothers and James boys.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

The report of the Attorney-General on matters pertaining to the assessment of railroads and proceedings at the Board of Equalization, etc., was laid before the House.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Adjourned.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14.

Discussion of Louisiana Resolutions resumed.

Mr. Bailey, of St. Louis, opened the debate, and was followed by Mr. Post, of St. Louis. (We have been furnished a synopsis of the speeches of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Post, by our Reporter but for want of space are compelled to decline their publication.)

Mr. Rittenhouse held that sympathies could not be withheld from the people of Louisiana on account of the irregularities in organizing the Legislature, which all must admit was the Legislature, and therefore favored the majority resolutions.

Mr. Brown said he would have been glad could all have united in a report, but the majority had asked more than could be granted. The argument of the majority resolutions was based on the presumption that the House as organized was a legally constituted body.

Admitting the facts as they were, the body claiming to be the House under Wiltz were entitled to no more consideration, and were no better than any other mob which would seize and undertake to control one branch of the government. The governor had the power to disperse the mob, and it was his sworn duty to do so.

Wiltz had called in the military and order was restored; and when the military had responded to the call of the Governor no man was ejected from the Hall but intruders. And yet it was held by the majority that Gen. Grant should be censured for the keeping of the peace. The troops had been placed there at the request of the Governor *de facto*, in conformity with law and the constitution.

As sustaining his position as to the condition of affairs, he read from the Chicago Times, and concluded by adhering to the minority report as broad enough for all to stand upon.

Mr. Titman gave Jeff. Jones some pretty good raps on his assumption that because his views were not those of the people of Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and other States who sided against the rebellion, they were controlled by ignorance, and then proceeded to argue in favor of the majority report as against the substitute.

The question under consideration was postponed till 2 p. m. to-morrow.

Mr. King offered resolution to pay J. T. Pratt \$150 and mileage for opening and organizing present House.

Referred to Committee on Account.

Mr. Hutchins called up House substitute to Senate appropriation bill, returned from senate, and moved that the House insist on substitute, which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones, of Callaway, introduced bill providing for one term each year of Supreme Court at Jefferson City, commencing first Monday in October, one term at St. Louis, on first Monday in January and one term in St. Joseph on first Monday in May.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Mr. Carter, of St. Francois, introduced bill transferring from custody of Auditor to custody of Treasurer the bonds comprising the school fund securities.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Miller introduced a bill for relief of Thomas Grey.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fryer introduced a bill to provide for redemption of lands heretofore forfeited State for non-payment of taxes.

Mr. Wells introduced a bill repealing 42nd section of school law.

Referred to Committee on Education.
Adjourned.

SENATE—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, January 15.

The report of the Attorney-General in regard to suits for collecting taxes against railroads assessed by the State Board of Equalization.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Rubey introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a committee of 5 to sit during the adjournment of the Legislature, and draw a revenue law, and also a general law on the subject of county and township organization, to be considered when the Legislature meets. The bill proceeds upon the idea that it is not possible to form such bills by the General Assembly, and to wait now, for the work of a committee, would be too expensive.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Strother introduced a bill empowering certain courts to relieve against and correct mistakes and errors and amend defects in deeds of husband and wife.

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